



Lands with Wilderness Characteristics

Polygon 032



June 2013

Form 1: Document Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings on Record

Is there existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory information on all or part of this area?

NO **X** (If no, go to Form 2)

YES _____ If yes, and if the area has subunits within the broader area, list the unique identifiers for each of those subunits:

Inventory Source: _____

Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s): _____

Map Name(s)/Number(s): _____

BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): _____

BLM Inventory findings on record: Document existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each area and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

Document BLM Wilderness Characteristics Findings on Record (Historic Findings)					
Inventory Source Document:					
Area Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? (YES/NO & acres)	Naturalness (YES/NO)	Outstanding Opportunities for Solitude (YES/NO)	Outstanding opportunities for primitive & unconfined recreation (YES/NO)	Supplemental Values? (YES/NO)

(add rows as needed)

Form 2: Current Conditions: Presence Or Absence Of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier **LWC Polygon 31** Acreage_____

(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

1. Is the area of sufficient size? (If area meets an exception to the size criterion, check “Yes” and describe the exception):

Yes ☒ No_____ (If “no” is checked, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check “NA” for the remaining questions)

Description (boundaries of the area--wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.):

The northern boundary follows the Little Snake River between County Roads 26 and 75 and is comprised of several Moffat County Roads. Starting from the intersection of MCR 21 and MCR 26, the boundary travels west across the Little Snake River then south to the intersection of MCR 26 and MCR 66. From that intersection the boundary follows MCR 66 south to the MCR 66 and MCR 75 intersection. From that intersection MCR 75 acts as the western boundary to private land at the southernmost point of LWC Polygon 31. The southeastern boundary follows private and state land along the Little Snake River. As the boundary travels north, the boundary is comprised of MCR 21 and parcels of private land along the county road until MCR 21 and MCR 26 intersect.

2. Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes ☒ No_____ NA_____ (If “no” is checked, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check “NA” for the remaining questions)

Description (land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses and activities):

LWC Polygon 31 follows the Little Snake River south from Moffat County Road 26 to its southern boundary just north of Highway 318. The polygon offers views of Ninemile Basin across to Bald Mountain. The polygon is comprised of mostly of the side of Seven Mile Ridge until it goes to the lower planes along the Little Snake River. Polygon 31 appears to be primarily affected by the forces of nature.

3. Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes_____ No ☒ NA_____ (If “no” is checked, the area may still have wilderness characteristics – see question 4)

Description (describe the area’s outstanding opportunities for solitude):

The LWC Polygon lacks outstanding opportunities for solitude due to the fact that it overlooks a highly used and developed area that includes Moffat County Road 21.

4. Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes ☒ No _____ NA _____ (If “no” is checked, the area may still have wilderness characteristics; if “No” is checked for both questions 3 and 4 the area does not have wilderness characteristics, check “NA” for question 5)

Description (describe the area’s outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation):

The area provides outstanding opportunities for hiking along the Little Snake River or the foothills of Sevenmile Ridge. Outstanding opportunities for wildlife viewing are present, with a bald eagle and a herd of elk viewed at the time of inventory. The Little Snake River offers opportunities for any sort of floating; canoes, tubes, rafts, and kayaks.

5. Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value)?

Yes ☒ No _____ NA _____

Description: **The Little Snake River flows through parts of LWC Polygon 31, which when combined with the surrounding riparian habitat, provide supplemental value.**

6. Summary of Analysis to document information that constitutes the inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. This does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision, and does not represent a decision in regard to how the area will be managed or address impacts of management decisions. Explain the inventory findings for the entirety of the inventory unit. When an LWC has been identified that is smaller than the size of the total inventory unit, explain why certain portions of the inventory unit are not included in the LWC (e.g. the inventory found that certain parts lacked naturalness).

- Does the area meet size requirements or exceptions? Yes ☒ No _____
- Does the area appear natural? Yes ☒ No _____ NA _____
- Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? Yes ☒ No _____ NA _____

Check one:

☒ The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as land with wilderness characteristics (*all 3 bullets must be answered “yes”*).

_____ The area does not have wilderness characteristics (*one or more of the bullets is answered “no”*).

7. Prepared by (list team members, titles, date, signatures; add lines as needed):

Evaluator (name/title): **Brendan M. Grady / Recreation Intern**

Date: **07/08/2013**

Evaluator (name/title): **Clint Mitchell / Recreation Intern**

Date: **07/24/2013**

Evaluator (name/title): _____ Date: _____

8. Reviewed by (District or Field Manager):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Form 3: Route Analysis:

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a. Improved and maintained – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings.

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **LWC Polygon 32**

Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: **32-001, Route 1, CR 21**

I. LOCATION:

Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Map Title: _____ Map Date: _____

Describe:

Route 1 travels from the intersection of CR 21 and CR 19, on the northern border of the boundary. The route ends at the LWC/State Trust boundary after traveling south. The border of state trust boundary is indicated with point 32-006.

II. ROUTE CONTEXT

The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

- A. Current Purpose (if any) of Route: (Examples: rangeland/livestock improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), mine site, concentrated use site (camp site), recreation, utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

The route is a Moffat County Road that accesses private, state, and federal lands.

- B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

B.1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown ☐

If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

Moffat County has the right of way for the route, to be used by the public.

B.2. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown or N/A ☐

Explain: **The route is open to the public**

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

- A. Is there evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means?

Yes, if either III.A.1 *or* III.A.2 is checked "yes" below ☒

No, if both III.A.1 *and* III.A.2 are checked "no" below ☐

A.1. Construction: Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Examples (partial list):

Paved ☐ Bladed ☒ Graveled ☒ Roadside Berms ☐ Cut/Fill ☒ Other ☐

Describe:

The route was constructed mechanically by Moffat County. Construction is shown in the photo 32-006 (NE).

A.2. Improvements: Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?

Yes ☒ If "yes", improvements by? Hand Tools ____ by Machine ☒

No ____

Examples (partial list):

Culverts ☒ Built Stream Crossings ____ Bridges ____ Drainage ☒ Barriers ____

Describe:

The route crosses several stream beds and has culverts installed to facilitate crossing. There are also ditches present, traveling parallel to the route to facilitate drainage.

B. Maintenance: Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?

Yes, if either III.B.1 *or* III.B.2 is checked "yes" below ☒

No, if both III.B.1 *and* III.B.2 are checked "no" below ____

B.1. Is there evidence or documentation of maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes ☒ If "yes", maintenance by? Hand Tools ____ by Machine ☒

No ____

Explain:

The route is maintained by Moffat County.

B.2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? "Good condition" would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

Yes ☒ No ____

Explain:

Moffat County has jurisdiction over the road and would provide maintenance with or without approval.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?

Yes ☒ No ____

Explain: Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicles or vehicle tracks observed; or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes (e.g., trips per day, week, month, season, year, or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases).

The Route is a Moffat County road and receives regular and continuous use.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)? If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why. Also, describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

Yes **X** = Wilderness Inventory Road

No _____ = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

Explain:

The route is a Moffat County Road.

Evaluator (name/title): **Brendan M. Grady/Recreation Intern**

Date: **06/27/2013**

Evaluator (name/title): **Clinton Mitchell / Recreation Intern**

Date: **06/27/2013**

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If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings.

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **LWC Polygon 32**

Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: **32-002, Route 2, CR 150**

III. LOCATION:

Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Map Title: _____ Map Date: _____

Describe:

Route 2 travels between BLM and state trust lands to the SE, to the border of BLM and state trust lands to the NW. The route is marked by points; 32-005, 32-004, 32-003, and 32-001.

IV. ROUTE CONTEXT

The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

- C. Current Purpose (if any) of Route: (Examples: rangeland/livestock improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), mine site, concentrated use site (camp site), recreation, utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

The route is CR 150 and travels through and provides access to BLM, state, and private lands.

D. Right-of-Way (ROW):

B.1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes ☒ No _____ Unknown _____

If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

Moffat County has the right of way to maintain its roads.

B.2. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes ☒ No _____ Unknown or N/A _____

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

D. Is there evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means?

Yes, if either III.A.1 or III.A.2 is checked "yes" below ☒

No, if both III.A.1 and III.A.2 are checked "no" below _____

A.1. Construction: Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?

Yes ☒ No _____

Examples (partial list):

Paved _____ Bladed ☒ Graveled _____ Roadside Berms _____ Cut/Fill _____ Other _____

Describe:

The route is bladed for its entire course. Moffat County constructed the route.

A.2. Improvements: Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?

Yes ☒ If "yes", improvements by? Hand Tools _____ by Machine _____

No _____

Examples (partial list):

Culverts ☒ Built Stream Crossings _____ Bridges _____ Drainage ☒ Barriers _____

Describe:

The route crosses several streams and culverts facilitate the crossing. Ditches are also dug for drainage.

E. Maintenance: Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?

Yes, if either III.B.1 *or* III.B.2 is checked "yes" below ☒

No, if both III.B.1 *and* III.B.2 are checked "no" below _____

B.1. Is there evidence or documentation of maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes ☒ If "yes", maintenance by? Hand Tools _____ by Machine ☒

No _____

Explain:

Moffat County maintains the route on a regular basis.

B.2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? "Good condition" would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

Yes ☒ No _____

Explain:

The route is a Moffat County Road.

- F. Relatively regular and continuous use: Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Explain: Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicles or vehicle tracks observed; or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes (e.g., trips per day, week, month, season, year, or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases).

The route is a Moffat County road and gets regular and continuous use by endless users.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)? If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why. Also, describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

Yes ☒ = Wilderness Inventory Road

No ☐ = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

Explain:

The route is constructed and maintained by Moffat County.

Evaluator (name/title): **Brendan M. Grady/Recreation Intern**

Date: **06/27/2013**

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Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **LWC Polygon 32**

Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: **32-003, Route 3**

V. LOCATION:

Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Map Title: _____ Map Date: _____

Describe:

The route travels NE from its intersection with Route 32-002 (CR 150) to its intersection with Route 32-005. The route travels from point 32-014, through point 32-015, to end at MCR 150.

VI. ROUTE CONTEXT

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- E. Current Purpose (if any) of Route: (Examples: rangeland/livestock improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), mine site, concentrated use site (camp site), recreation, utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

The route has no apparent purpose other than possible rangeland access.

F. Right-of-Way (ROW):

B.1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes ____ No ____ Unknown **X**

If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

B.2. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes ____ No ____ Unknown or N/A **X**

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

G. Is there evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means?
Yes, if either III.A.1 *or* III.A.2 is checked "yes" below _____
No, if both III.A.1 *and* III.A.2 are checked "no" below **X**

A.1. Construction: Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?
Yes _____ No **X**

Examples (partial list):
Paved____ Bladed____ Graveled____ Roadside Berms____ Cut/Fill____ Other____

Describe:
The route appears to be user constructed.

A.2. Improvements: Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?
Yes _____ If "yes", improvements by? Hand Tools _____ by Machine _____
No **X**

Examples (partial list):
Culverts____ Built Stream Crossings____ Bridges____ Drainage____ Barriers____

Describe:

H. Maintenance: Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?
Yes, if either III.B.1 *or* III.B.2 is checked "yes" below _____
No, if both III.B.1 *and* III.B.2 are checked "no" below **X**

B.1. Is there evidence or documentation of maintenance using hand tools or machinery?
Yes _____ If "yes", maintenance by? Hand Tools _____ by Machine _____
No **X**

Explain:

B.2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? "Good condition" would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.
Yes _____ No **X**

Explain:

The route is in severe disrepair and serves no observable purpose.

- I. Relatively regular and continuous use: Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?

Yes ____ No **X**

Explain: Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicles or vehicle tracks observed; or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes (e.g., trips per day, week, month, season, year, or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases).

The route appears to receive no use and is rapidly being reclaimed by the forces of nature.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)? If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why. Also, describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

Yes ____ = Wilderness Inventory Road

No **X** = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

Explain:

The route was user constructed and is being reclaimed by the forces of nature. For wilderness inventory purposes it is a primitive route.

Evaluator (name/title): **Brendan M. Grady/Recreation Intern**

Date: **06/27/2013**

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Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **LWC Polygon 32**

Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: **32-004, Route 4**

VII. LOCATION:

Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Map Title: _____ Map Date: _____

Describe:

Route 4 travels NE from its intersection with Route 32-005 to its intersection with CR 19. The route is marked by points 32-009 and 32-016.

VIII. ROUTE CONTEXT

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G. Current Purpose (if any) of Route: (Examples: rangeland/livestock improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), mine site, concentrated use site (camp site), recreation, utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

Route 4 has no apparent purpose other than accessing possible rangeland.

H. Right-of-Way (ROW):

B.1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes ____ No ____ Unknown **X**

If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

B.2. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes ____ No ____ Unknown or N/A **X**

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

J. Is there evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means?
Yes, if either III.A.1 *or* III.A.2 is checked "yes" below _____
No, if both III.A.1 *and* III.A.2 are checked "no" below **X**

A.1. Construction: Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?
Yes _____ No **X**

Examples (partial list):
Paved____ Bladed____ Graveled____ Roadside Berms____ Cut/Fill____ Other____

Describe:
The route appears to be user created.

A.2. Improvements: Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?
Yes _____ If "yes", improvements by? Hand Tools _____ by Machine _____
No **X**

Examples (partial list):
Culverts____ Built Stream Crossings____ Bridges____ Drainage____ Barriers____

Describe:

K. Maintenance: Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?
Yes, if either III.B.1 *or* III.B.2 is checked "yes" below ____
No, if both III.B.1 *and* III.B.2 are checked "no" below **X**

B.1. Is there evidence or documentation of maintenance using hand tools or machinery?
Yes _____ If "yes", maintenance by? Hand Tools _____ by Machine _____
No **X**

Explain:

B.2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? "Good condition" would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.
Yes _____ No **X**

Explain:

The route doesn't appear to have a purpose and is largely user created.

L. Relatively regular and continuous use: Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?

Yes ____ No **X**

Explain: Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicles or vehicle tracks observed; or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes (e.g., trips per day, week, month, season, year, or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases).

The route appears to receive almost no use.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)? If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why. Also, describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

Yes ____ = Wilderness Inventory Road

No **X** = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

Explain:

The route appears to be user created, nearly reclaimed by the forces of nature, and does not ensure regular or continuous use. The route is primitive for wilderness inventory purposes.

Evaluator (name/title): **Brendan M. Grady/Recreation Intern**

Date: **06/27/2013**

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a. Improved and maintained – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. "Improved" does not necessarily mean formal construction. "Maintained" does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings.

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **LWC Polygon 32**

Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: **32-005, Route 5**

IX. LOCATION:

Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Map Title: _____ Map Date: _____

Describe:

Route 5 starts on the eastern border of LWC Polygon 32 where state trust lands end, and travels east. The route travels through private land and angles to the south where it ends on private lands. The route travels from 32-007, through 32-014, and ends at 32-012.

X. ROUTE CONTEXT

The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

- I. Current Purpose (if any) of Route: (Examples: rangeland/livestock improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), mine site, concentrated use site (camp site), recreation, utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

The route travels from state trust land, through BLM, to private land. At noted point on the map there is an abandoned windmill and at another noted point there is an abandoned oil well pad with a produced water tank and several stock tanks.

J. Right-of-Way (ROW):

B.1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes ____ No ____ Unknown **X**

If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

B.2. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes ____ No ____ Unknown or N/A **X**

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

M. Is there evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means?

Yes, if either III.A.1 *or* III.A.2 is checked “yes” below ____

No, if both III.A.1 *and* III.A.2 are checked “no” below **X**

A.1. Construction: Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?

Yes ____ No **X**

Examples (partial list):

Paved ____ Bladed ____ Graveled ____ Roadside Berms ____ Cut/Fill ____ Other ____

Describe:

The route appears to be user created and is nearly reclaimed by the forces of nature.

A.2. Improvements: Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?

Yes ____ If “yes”, improvements by? Hand Tools ____ by Machine ____

No **X**

Examples (partial list):

Culverts ____ Built Stream Crossings ____ Bridges ____ Drainage ____ Barriers ____

Describe:

N. Maintenance: Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?

Yes, if either III.B.1 *or* III.B.2 is checked “yes” below ____

No, if both III.B.1 *and* III.B.2 are checked “no” below **X**

B.1. Is there evidence or documentation of maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes ____ If “yes”, maintenance by? Hand Tools ____ by Machine ____

No **X**

Explain:

B.2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? “Good condition” would be a

condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

Yes ____ No **X**

Explain:

Unless the well pad is active (or reactivated) all of the unnatural features appear to be abandoned. There would be no reason to approve restorative maintenance.

O. Relatively regular and continuous use: Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?

Yes ____ No **X**

Explain: Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicles or vehicle tracks observed; or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes (e.g., trips per day, week, month, season, year, or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases).

The route appears to receive no use at any time of the year.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A *and* III.B *and* III.C all checked yes)? If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why. Also, describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

Yes ____ = Wilderness Inventory Road

No **X** = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

Explain:

The route appears to be user created and nearly reclaimed by the forces of nature. The wind mill and the well pad should be cherrystemmed out of the unit in the final map. The route is designated primitive for the purpose of wilderness inventory.

Evaluator (name/title): **Brendan M. Grady/Recreation Intern**

Date: **06/27/2013**

Form 3: Route Analysis:

The Route Analysis includes factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. For the purposes of this analysis, use the following definition of a "road". This definition is drawn from and the FLPMA legislative history and historic BLM inventory direction.

Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

- a. Improved and maintained – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.
- b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.
- c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings.

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **LWC Polygon 32**

Route or Route Segment Name and/or Identifier: **32-006, Route 6, CR 19**

XI. LOCATION:

Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Map Title: _____ Map Date: _____

Describe:

Route 6 starts at the intersection of CR 21 and CR 19 and travels east, where it ends at the border of private/LWC BLM lands.

XII. ROUTE CONTEXT

The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

- K. Current Purpose (if any) of Route: (Examples: rangeland/livestock improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), mine site, concentrated use site (camp site), recreation, utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

The route is a Moffat County Road.

L. Right-of-Way (ROW):

B.1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes **X** No ____ Unknown ____

If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

Moffat County has the right of way for the road.

B.2. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes **X** No ____ Unknown or N/A ____

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

P. Is there evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means?

Yes, if either III.A.1 *or* III.A.2 is checked “yes” below **X**

No, if both III.A.1 *and* III.A.2 are checked “no” below ____

A.1. Construction: Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?

Yes **X** No ____

Examples (partial list):

Paved____ Bladed **X** Graveled **X** Roadside Berms____ Cut/Fill____ Other____

Describe:

Moffat County constructed the road.

A.2. Improvements: Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?

Yes **X** If “yes”, improvements by? Hand Tools ____ by Machine **X**

No ____

Examples (partial list):

Culverts____ Built Stream Crossings____ Bridges____ Drainage **X** Barriers____

Describe:

There are mechanically constructed drainage ditches.

Q. Maintenance: Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?

Yes, if either III.B.1 *or* III.B.2 is checked “yes” below **X**

No, if both III.B.1 *and* III.B.2 are checked “no” below ____

B.1. Is there evidence or documentation of maintenance using hand tools or machinery?

Yes **X** If “yes”, maintenance by? Hand Tools ____ by Machine **X**

No _____

Explain:

The road is maintained by Moffat County and a road grader was observed during time of inventory.

B.2. If the route or route segment is in good condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? "Good condition" would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

Yes ☒ No _____

Explain:

The route is a Moffat County road to be maintained by the county.

R. Relatively regular and continuous use: Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?

Yes ☒ No _____

Explain: Describe evidence (e.g., direct: vehicles or vehicle tracks observed; or indirect: evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route). Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes (e.g., trips per day, week, month, season, year, or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases).

The route is a Moffat County road that receives endless travel throughout the year.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)? If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why. Also, describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

Yes ☒ = Wilderness Inventory Road

No _____ = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

Explain:

The route is a Moffat County road which ensures regular and continuous use as well as regular maintenance.

Evaluator (name/title): **Brendan M. Grady/Recreation Inter**

Date: **06/27/2013**

32-002 (N)



32-003 (N)



32-04 (S)



32-005 (E)



32-005 (N)



32-006 (E)



32-006 (NE)



32-007 (E)



32-008 (N)



32-008 (S)



38-009 (E)



32-009 (W)



32-010 (E)



32-010 (E)



32-011 (NE)



32-012 (S)



32-013 (E)



32-013 (N)



32-013 (S)



32-013 (W)



32-014 (S)



32-015 (N)



32-05 (S)



32-016 (N)



32-016 (S)



32-017 (NW)



32-017 (SE)



32-Historic



32-Supplemental

